GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:342
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2004
PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has shown a significant improvement in its overall financial performance in this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, the target fixed in regard to passenger traffic for 2004-05; and

(d) the steps being taken to achieve the target?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c) and (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.342 FOR 23/12/2004 REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN AIRLINES

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines has improved its financial performance in the first half of fiscal year 2004-05. The Operating Loss of Rs.48.90 crores and Net Loss of Rs.66.40 crores in the first half of fiscal year 2004-05 is lower than the Operating Loss of Rs.63.95 crores and Net Loss of Rs.103.50 crores in the corresponding period of previous year. This represents an improvement of 23.5% and 35.8%, respectively.

(c): Indian Airlines has budgeted carriage of 6519 thousand passengers during the Year 2004-05.

(d): The following steps are being taken to achieve the target.

1. Fleet augmentation/renewal to increase capacity.

2. New marketing initiatives to attract more customers.

3. Improving product appeal by inflight initiatives, service upgrades on ground and Improvements in cabin ambience